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.. 5 A.M. took breakfast

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## INTRODUCTION

At the Cumberland Historical Society, I found two diaries, one labeled “Diary 1861-1863, Captain Hollis True,” and the other one labeled “Captain Hollis True, Diary 1864.” While transcribing the first one, I discovered an overlap of entries, namely, May 31, 1861 through January 27, 1863, followed by July 24, 1862 through September 1864. Consisting of two different narratives, the overlap occurred between July 24, 1862 and January 27, 1863.

Could two people have written in the same diary? Conceivably, the first writer became ill and died. His last entries, January 26 and January 27, 1863, indicate “unwell,” “unwell.” On the next page is written “Mr. Hollis True, Co. E 17 Maine.” The following page is highlighted “Journal 1862” and the writer asserts “I did enlist in Portland Maine, July 24<sup>th</sup> 1862.” From that point, the entries by the second writer continue for the remainder of 1862 and carry through to September 1864.

After examining the entries from 1861 through January 27, 1863, and placing the entries in the context of the Massachusetts Regiments, William Hallett, who has written and researched civil war soldiers from Newburyport, Massachusetts, suggested the first diary writer might be Whitman Holmes. The second diary writer is Hollis True, who eventually settled in Cumberland, Maine.

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## DIARY OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER, 1861–1863

### Journal 1861

#### **May 31**

Left N. Port for Boston. At 8 A. M. dined at the Parker House. Left for Brooklyn at 5 P.M.

### June 1861

#### **Jun. 1**

Arrived at N. York at 5 A. M. Took breakfast at Astor House. Arrived at Brooklyn . Quartered in armory of Brooklyn Phalanx.

#### **Jun. 2**

Went to church at Rev. H. W. Reickers

#### **Jun. 3**

Left Brooklyn for Boston P.M.

#### **Jun. 4**

A.M. arrive at Boston via Fall River. Breakfast at American House at 11. Take steamer for Fort Warren.

#### **Jun. 7**

Left Ft. Warren for home. P. M.

#### **Jun. 8**

Arrived at N. Port 2 A. M. Stopped with F. Ballon until daylight. Arrived home 10 A.M.

#### **Jun. 10**

Left home for Boston at 8 A. M. Stopped at New England House with John Clough.

#### **Jun. 11**

Left Boston for N. York at 6 A.M. Breakfast at Astor House. Went to N. Yonkers at 11 A.M.

#### **Jun. 13**

Examination by surgeon.

#### **Jun. 14**

Sworn into U. S. Service by Lieut. Cogswell.

#### **Jun. 16**

Divine Service

#### **Jun. 20**

Went into camp.

### July 1861

**Jul. 4**

Broke camp for Washington via Elizabethport and Harrisburg.

**Jul. 6**

Arrive in Washington hdqtrs in barracks on corner of 4 ½ St. and Penn. Avenue.

**Jul. 7**

Left the city for camp on Meridan Hill at 5 P. M.

**Jul. 20**

Broke camp and leave for Alexandria . Encamp one mile out of the city at Shooters Hill.

**Jul. 21**

On guard. Battle of Bull Run. Firing heard in camp.

**Jul. 22**

On guard in Alexandria.

**Jul. 23**

Reg't reviewed by President Lincoln and Gen. McDowell.

**Jul. 25**

Got box from home.

**Jul. 26**

Received first payment of \$6.25. Man shot in an attempt to run guard.

**Jul. 31**

On guard in Alexandria for 1 week.

### August 1861

**Aug. 2**

Execution at Ft. Ellsworth in 2 C. H. [?] Reg. and return to camp.

**Aug. 8**

Receive U. S. uniform. Go in swimming in canal.

**Aug. 15**

Moved camp a mile further from Alexandria on Leesburg road.

**Aug. 17**

Raining. Taken sick.

**Aug. 19**

Sent to Georgetown Hospital.

**Aug. 21**

Reg't had trial. Drill 1st prize Co. G \$5. 2nd Co. D \$3.

**Aug. 22**

Review of Brigade by Gen. McClellan and staff.

**Aug. 28**

Return from Georgetown Hospital. Find a friend who gives me a half dollar.

**Aug. 31**

Inspection for Colonel.

September 1861

**Sept. 1**

Received word of Butler's victory at Hatteras inlet.

**Sept. 11**

Go on picket shoot. Got a pig.

**Sept. 12**

Regt. on parade at Alexandria. Pay master arrives.

**Sept. 15**

Inspection.

**Sept. 19**

Receive a box from home.

**Sept. 21**

Battalion Drill. 11 new recruits arrive and join our Co.

**Sept. 22**

Cloudy. Inspection.

**Sept. 25**

Grand review of troops, 25,000, by Gen. McClellan and President Lincoln and others near Fort Mead on pickets there at night.

**Sept. 29**

Regt sleep under arms.

**Sept. 30**

Move one camp about 3 miles on Old Fairfax Road.

November 1861

**Nov. 8**

Regt paid off. Raining.

**Nov. 16**

Brigade review.

**Nov. 17**

General Inspection.

**Nov. 18**

Brigade Drill.

**Nov. 20**

Grand Review of Army of Potomac at Bailey's Cross Roads, 75,000. President Lincoln and Sec'y Seward & Chase present, 75,000 troops.

**Nov. 21**

Thanksgiving day In Mass no duty.

**Nov. 23**

Received box from home.

**Nov. 24**

General Inspection.

**Nov. 28**

Thanksgiving in N. York. Went to Fort Albany to the 14 Mass. Regt.

#### December 1861

**Dec. 1**

General Inspection.

**Dec. 3**

Inspection of Guns and knapsacks by U. S. Officers.

**Dec. 4**

Co. drill A. M. Sham fight P.M. Corporal Chauser hurt.

**Dec. 5**

Co. drill & Dress parade

**Dec. 6**

Co. drill A. M. Battallion Drill and firing blank cartridges P. M.

**Dec. 7**

Co. drill & Inspection of blankets.

**Dec. 8**

General Inspection & Dress parade

**Dec. 9**

Co. V battalion drills firing blank cartridges.

**Dec. 10**

Co. V Battalion drills . Received letters from mother and G. L.

**Dec.11**

Went out on Fairfax road and a Reconnoitering Dress Parade.

**Dec. 12**



Co. V Battallion drills

**Dec. 13**

Co. V Battallion drills

**Dec. 14**

Co. drill.

**Dec. 15**

General Inspection

**Dec. 17**

Brigade Inspection

**Dec. 18**

Co. V Battallion drills

**Dec. 19**

Grand Review by Gen. Heintzelman. Did not go.

**Dec. 20**

Battallion drill by Major Halstead.

**Dec. 24**

Boys bring in logs to build our tent for winter quarters. Tent mates Blackstock, Bricker, Cammet, Wedgwood.

**Dec. 25**

Christmas. Got box from home. Boys build our tent.

**Dec. 26**

Bought stove for tent \$5.50

Journal 1862

January

**Jan. 1**

No duty

**Jan. 5**

Dress parades. Fine weather.

**Jan. 6.**

Snow Storm

**Jan. 7**

Battalion drill. Fine.

**Jan. 8**

Battalion drill.

**Jan. 9**

Raining, heavy & foggy

**Jan. 10**

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**Jan. 14**

Went on picket. Relieve 63rd Penn. Death of Asa Perkins.

**Jan. 15**

Go Scouting to Pohick Church.

**Jan. 16**

Stormy on picket.

**Jan. 17**

Go scouting in the morning. Are relieved by 2nd Michigan.

**Jan. 18**

Regiment paid off.

**Jan. 19**

Stormy. No duty.

**Jan. 21**

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**Jan. 22**

Had my picture taken.

**Jan. 23**

Lieut. Stover went home. Sent by him.

**Jan. 24**

Stormy

**Jan. 25**

Stormy. Had cold.

**Jan. 26**

Fine weather. Sick with cold.

**Jan. 28**

Stormy. Sick with cold.

**Jan. 29**

Pleasant. Bad cold. Blackstock got box from home.

**Jan. 30**

Stormy. Bad cold. Received 2 papers from Gus Lowell

**Jan. 31**

Stormy. Letter from mother.

February 1862

**Feb. 1**

Bad weather.

**Feb. 2**

Very fine. Get letter from G. L. Lawry.

**Feb. 3**

5 inches

**Feb. 4**

Fine weather. Shoveling snow. On guard at night at the 38 Regt.

**Feb. 5**

Very fine. Dress parade.

**Feb. 6**

Rainy. No duty. Lieut. Stover returned.

**Feb. 7**

On guard. Pleasant.

**Feb. 8**

Ft. Henry captured. No duty.

**Feb. 9**

Inspection & Dress parade & Inspection. Lieut. Foster promoted to Captain.

**Feb. 10**

Battalion drill.

**Feb. 11**

Went to funeral in Alexandria. Battalion drill by Capt. Ungerer. Got new haversack.

**Feb. 12**

Dress parade.

**Feb. 13**

Went on picket on Richmond road.

**Feb. 14**

Went scouting near the Pohick Church.

**Feb. 15**

Went scouting near the Pucon [?].

**Feb. 16**

Returned from Fort Donaldson taken 15,000 prisoners.

**Feb. 17**

No duty.

**Feb. 18**

No duty. Dull day

**Feb. 19**

Rainy

**Feb. 20**

Co. V battalion drills. Dress parade.

**Feb. 22**

Washington's Birthday observed. On guard. Rainy.

**Feb. 23**

Inspection Drill.

**Feb. 24**

Rain & windy. In fatigue.

**Feb. 25**

Battalion V Co. drills. Dress parade. On duty at Cook house.

**Feb. 26**

Co. V Battallion drill.

**Feb. 27**

Co. drill.

**Feb. 28**

Muster and roll call by Col. Riley. Windy and Cold

March 1862

**Mar. 1**

Battalion drill by Major H - Windy and cold.

**Mar. 2**

Inspection A. M. Get new rifles.

**Mar. 3**

Went on picket at Pohick

**Mar. 4**

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**Mar. 5**

Returned to Camp.

**Mar. 7**

Got new pants & Rubber tents. light blue.

**Mar. 9**

Inspection. On guard.

**Mar. 11**

Battalion and Brigade drills.

**Mar. 12**

Camp picket

**Mar. 13**

Target shooting. Brigade drill. Went to theatre.

**Mar. 14**

Packed knapsacks and prepared for march.

**Mar. 15**

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**Mar. 16**

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**Mar. 17**

Started for Alexandria 2 P. M. Sleep on board Steamer Wm. Kent.

**Mar. 18**

On board Steamer Pioneer. Start for Fort Monroe at 12.

**Mar. 19**

On the Chesapeake Bay. Arrived at Fortress P. M. Monroe at 5.

**Mar. 20**

Landed and camp near Hampton

**Mar. 21**

Short Battallion drill.

**Mar. 22**

" Without equipment.

**Mar. 23**

Inspection and Dress parade.

**Mar. 24**

Co. drill A. M. Move camp to other side of Hampton.

**Mar. 25**

Co. drill & Battllion

**Mar. 26**

Brigade and Battallion drills. Dress parade.

**Mar. 27**

Battallion drill by Major Brigall [sp?]. drill, dress parade.

**Mar. 29**

Co. drill & dress parade

**Mar. 30**

Stormy. No duty.

**Mar. 31**

Dress parade.

April 1862

**Apr. 1**

Co. drill. Brigade drill. Dress parade.

**Apr. 2**

On guard.

**Apr. 3**

Co. drill. Review by Gen. Hamilton & Staff.

**April 4**

Struck tents and march to Big Bethel and camp for night.

**Apr. 5**

March again and stop at before Yorktown. Rebel batteries in sight.

**Apr. 6**

Out of rations.

**Apr. 7**

Rainy. No duty.

**Apr. 8**

On picket Guard. No bread. Rainy.

**Apr. 9**

Move about 2 mile into woods.

**Apr. 10**

Get our rations at night. Fine.

**Apr. 11**

Move further back. Turned out for a fight and are disappointed.

**Apr. 12**

Turned out again for fight.

**Apr. 13**

Articles of War read by Chaplain.

**Apr. 14**

Went on picket at night. See rebels plainly.

**Apr. 15**

Are relieved by 3rd Michigan at dark.

**Apr. 16**

Firing by our batteries all day and at night.

**Apr. 17**

Arise before daybreak. Batteries firing all day. Turned out in the night.

**Apr. 18**



On guard.

**Apr. 19**

Co. on fatigue at Goose Creek - building a road.

**Apr. 20**

On picket.

**Apr. 21**

On picket. Return. Rainy.

**Apr. 22**

On fatigue at Goose Creek. Showery all day. Called up at night to support battery while guns were mounted.

**Apr. 23**

Pleasant Batteries. Firing at intervals.

**Apr. 24**

Regt on fatigue at Goose Creek. Are saluted on by a 64 pds ball on return which passed about 15 feet over head.

**Apr. 25**

Regt paid off \$26.00 Several showers.

**Apr. 26**

Rainy all day. Fatigue at Goose

**Apr. 27**

Foggy. Get new shoes.

**Apr. 28**

Building fort and rifle pit.

**Apr. 29**

On guard at night.

**Apr. 30**

6 Left Co. on fatigue by day. 4 Right at night. Lent picture of Camp. Packet home.

May 1862

**May 1**

Have a day of rest.

**May 2**

At work at battery. No. 2 at night

**May 3**

Inspection of arms. Dress parade.

**May 4**

Evacuation of Yorktown. On picket 2 men of Co. C[?] killed. 3 wounded. March 2 miles beyond Yorktown and Camp for night.

**May 5**

March to near Williamsburg where we have a fight. Kenney killed and Pike and Cass wounded.

**May 6**

Williamsburg evacuated. Encamp there.

**May 7**

Birthday. Go out foraging after cattle & grain.

**May 8**

Rest all day. Dress parade without arms.

**May 9**

March about eight miles toward Richmond.

**May 10**

March 7 or 8 miles farther. Get letter from Gus L

**May 11**

Church service. Text Matt.6 – 19-24. On guard.

**May 12**

Inspection of arms by Col. Riley

**May 13**

March 10 mile farther partly by night

**May 14**

Rainy. Pitch tents.

**May 15**

Rainy march to Cumberland Landing.

**May 16**

Lee Henry Carrier

**May 17**

Dress parade

**May 18**

“ Go in bathing. Get letter from home.

**May 19**

Rainy march about 2 miles toward Kent Court House and a camp.

**May 20**

March about 7 mile on Richmond road

**May 21**

Pleasant. Get letter from Lucy P. No duty.

**May 23**

March about 7 miles to Lammit. [sp?]

**May 24**

Rainy part of day

**May 25**

March to Bottom Ridge and cross and camp.

**May 26**

Work on rifle pits. Rainy all night.

**May 27**

Dress parade.

**May 28**

Pack up and do not march.

**May 29**

March about 2 miles and camp.

**May 30**

Heavy thunder shower. Rainy all night.

**May 31**

March about 1 ½ miles to Savage Station. Battle of Fair Oaks. Col. Riley carried off the field.  
Sick

June 1862

**Jun. 1**

Battle continues. John F. Currier, Robert C. Cressey, George Robinson, O. T. Reardon killed. E. Q. Anderson, S. H. Davenport, W. T. Sheehan, wounded. Helped carry Barnett Andrews off field. 96 killed. 8 wounded in Regt.

**Jun. 5**

All quiet.

**Jun. 6**

Dress parade.

**Jun. 7**

Heavy shower. Fresh troops arrive.

**Jun. 8**

Brigade under arms. Col. Ward in command. Capt. Grigalls and Lieut. Strait on staff

**Jun. 9**

Co. drill A. M.

**Jun. 10**

Rainy all day.

**Jun. 11**

Move ½ mile to the left.

**Jun. 12**

Rgt. under arms.

**Jun. 13**

On picket

**Jun. 14**

" in service 1 year, 101st N. G. join our brigade. Two men shot in Company H.

**Jun. 15**

Moved company about one mile back.

**Jun. 16**

Got letter from home & Ch. D. Pike

**Jun. 17**

Pleasant. Picket firing. Co. drill.

**Jun. 18**

Co. drill.

**Jun. 19**

On picket. All quiet.

**Jun. 20**

On picket. Rebels fire a few shells at us.

**Jun. 21**

Return firing all night.

**Jun. 22**

All quiet.

**Jun. 23**

Fallen trees near picket lines. Very heavy shower at night.

**Jun. 25**

Fighting and skirmishing all along the lines of picket.

**Jun. 26**

On picket. Heavy firing on the Right.

**Jun. 27**

Return from picket. Move came to Redoubts. Skirmishing and picket firing. Called out at two in morning.

**Jun. 29**

Paid off. Our Co. on picket at night. Awake all night. Leroy A. Emery shot a finger off.

**Jun. 30**

Leave camp and burn most of things and Retreat. Sick.

July 1862

**Jul. 2**

Battle of Malvern Hills.

**Jul. 3**

At Harrison's Landing in Hospital. Sick.

**Jul. 4**

In Hospital. Sick.

**Jul. 5**

Get 3 letters.

**Jul. 6**

Went to camp by rifle pits.

**Jul. 7**

Sick and done no duty.

**Jul. 8**

Regt reviewed by President & Gen. McClellan.

**Jul. 9**

All quiet and very little duty.

**Jul. 11**

Rainy. On guard.

**Jul. 12**

Foggy. Regt. On picket.

**Jul. 13**

Clustered for pay' m't

**Jul. 14**

Inspected by Gen. Heintzelman and Birney. On fatigue.

**Jul. 15**

Inspection of arms.

**Jul. 16**

Dress parade.

**Jul. 17**

On guard.

**Jul. 18**

On guard. Regt on picket.

**Jul. 19**

Return from picket. Get new clothes.

**Jul. 20**

Division and Co. drill.

**Jul. 21**

Battalion drill. Bull Run anniversary.

**Jul. 22**

Brigade and Battalion drill.

**Jul. 23**

Division A corps reviewed. Gen. McClellan and Heintzelman.

**Jul. 24**

On picket.

**Jul. 25**

Return from picket. On guard. Regt. on Brigade.

**Jul. 27**

Inspected by Gen. Birney and Kearney.

**Jul. 28**

Reveille at 4 ½. Co. Battalion and Brigade drill.

**Jul. 29**

Oh fatigue. Brigade drills.

**Jul. 30**

Called out 3 ½ and go picket. All quiet. Showery.

**Jul. 31**

Return from picket firing on the River at night.

August 1862

**Aug. 1**

Co. & Battallion drills.

**Aug. 2**

Brigade drill. Dress parade.

**Aug. 3**

Brigade Inspection. Dress Parade. Divine Service.

**Aug. 4**

Brigade Drill. Regt goes on picket.

**Aug. 5**

Firing up the River. Return from picket. 2 days rations cooked.

**Aug. 6**

Brigade drill. Clean up for inspection.

**Aug. 7**

Clean up for inspection. Battalion drill.

**Aug. 8**

Co. and Battallion drill. Fatigue on Hill

**Aug. 10**

Go on picket. On outpost all quiet.

**Aug. 11**

Return. Marching orders Get ready for march.

**Aug. 12**

On guard. Liek sent off.

**Aug. 13**

Guard relieved. Get letter from home.

**Aug. 14**

Brigade drill.

**Aug. 15**

Get up at 3 ½ . Towards Williamsburg. Stop at Gordons ford at night. 15 mile

**Aug. 16**

March again. Stop at Gascon Creek and cook two days rations.

**Aug. 17**

March to James City and camp. On guard.

**Aug. 18**

March to Williamsburg. Get 2 days rations.

**Aug. 19**



March to Yorktown. Get one days ration.

**Aug 20**

Embark on Screw Steamer Merianae [sp?] 5 Regt on board. Very crowded

**Aug. 21**

Start up the Chesapeake bay at 5 a. m. Anchor below Mathias Point for night.

**Aug. 22**

Steam up at 4 and start up the River. Arrive at Alexandria at 11 ½ . Disembark. Encamp near Fort Ellsworth at night.

**Aug. 23**

Start on cars and get off at Warrenton Junction and march about 4 miles.

**Aug. 24**

March 1 mile further and camp.

**Aug. 25**

All quiet except a little firing at a distance.

**Aug. 26**

March 2 mile further. Stop at station at night.

**Aug. 27**

Start at 9 and march about 20 miles toward Manassas.

**Aug. 28**

March to Centreville

**Aug. 29**

Fighting at Bull Run. Lieut. Don Pender & Blackstock wounded.

**Aug. 30**

Fell back to Centreville

**Aug. 31**

Move about 1 mile.

September 1862

**Sept. 1**

Retreat toward Fairfax and have a fight on the way. Gen. Kearney killed. Mansfield, Gallagher, Steinmidts, Maloney, Murray, White & myself wounded.

**Sept. 2**

Walk to Alexandria and take boat to Washington. Stop for night in Washington.

**Sept. 3**

Take cars for Baltimore and change cars for Philadelphia and arrive at 11 P. M. Stop in St. Erons a Church. Donations by Citizens.

**Sept. 4**

Donations by citizens.

**Sept. 5**

Removed to Broad & Cherry Pt. Hospital.

**Sept. 6**

In Hospital. Inspection by Dr. Neil.

**Sept. 7**

Write home. Write to Boody. Inspection

**Sept. 9**

Inspection

**Sept. 10**

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**Sept. 11**

Get letter from Boody

**Sept. 12**

Get letter from Millier Stickney.

**Sept. 13 to 29**

Are inspected daily. Go and see Ironsides and several other sights. In which time Dr. Dork comes to see me and Dalton and Lister.

**Sept. 30**

Go out on pass.

Willie N. Hoyt, the noble young patriot and Hero, as the forgoing events prove him to be. God bless him and enable him to fight bravely and manfully the battle of Life. May he be clothed with the whole armor of God that he may stand against the wiles of the Devil who is a more formidable adversary than Jefferson Davis and the rebels.

And when the war is won and we return from Hospital and Regiment to our chosen pursuits, may the friendship begun here continue to grow stronger and stronger to the rest of life.

Very Truly yours.

Jas. Butler

U. S. Hospital

Philadelphia

October 1862

**Oct. 1**

Raining. Stop in doors all day.

**Oct. 3**

Go down to Navy Yard and to Independence Hall.

**Oct. 4**

Go out to Germantown and see R. Jr. R. Dors [?]

**Oct. 8**

John Mansfield died of Diphtheria. Wrote to his folks.

**Oct. 9**

Went to funeral.

**Oct. 10**

Transferred to Ward A.

**Oct. 11**

Get letter from home by Dr. Don

**Oct. 14**

Mother came to see me and brought news from home.

**Oct. 17**

Get my description list and letter from Capt. Foster.

**Oct. 23**

Mother went home. Rev. Dr. Don came to see me.

**Oct. 27**

Mustered and went out on pass. For pay.

**Oct. 30**

20 out of each ward go to see the South Sea Whaling Voyage Exhibition.

**Oct. 31**

Out on pass. Get letter from Killeries. Get letter from home.

November 1862

**Nov. 4**

Go out to Fairmont Water works and falls of Schuylkill. Go to concert in evening. Have introduction to Mrs. McClellan's daughter.

**Nov. 6**

Get new coat and Cl[oth] overcoat. Start for Washington from Provost Marshalls at 11 P.M.

**Nov. 7**

Go through Baltimore Snow Storm. Arrive at Washington and stop in barracks for night.

**Nov. 8**

Go to the Convalescent Camp. Alexandria.

**Nov. 9**

Go to Fort Tillinghast and see friends.

**Nov. 10**

Return to Co. camp

**Nov. 11**

Write to Boody

**Nov. 12**

Lee Rodney Carrier gets discharged and goes home.

**Nov. 13**

See Capt. Johnson and Fleether.

**Nov. 15**

Go to Alexandria. See B. F. Pike who is sick. Gets discharge

**Nov. 24**

Go to see friends in H Maine Regt

**Nov. 25**

Go to camp of 110th Maine Regt. Return to Convalescent Camp.

**Nov. 27**

Thanksgiving Day. Rice soup for Dinner. Very quiet in camp.

**Nov. 28**

Go to Alexandria on pass.

December 1862

**Dec. 2**

Detailed on guard in Camp Convalescent.

**Dec. 3**

Write home and to Mr. Hastings at Phil'a

**Dec. 9**

Go to Washington and 4 months pay.

**Dec. 10**

Send allotment home of \$5 dollars by letter. Get letter from the Hastings in Philadelphia.

**Dec. 11**

Go to Alexandria. Get Boots and Gloves

**Dec. 15**

Hear from home.

**Dec. 16**

Write Conie[?], Send [?]

**Dec. 19**

W. Fifield comes from the Regt with Capt. Foster and others

**Dec. 20**

Go to 14th Regt Mass. And stop while...24

**Dec. 23**

Go to Alexandria and see Captain and stop at night.

**Dec. 26**

Start for Regt and arrive at evening and report for duty. Write home.

**Dec. 28**

Write to A L B and O L P [?]

**Dec. 29**

On guard.

Journal 1863

January

**Jan. 1**

New Year festivities. Gymnastic exercise and drill at Gen'l Wards hdqr

**Jan. 2**

Go receive boxes & barrell from Newburyport.

**Jan. 11**

Go on pickett at Stafford Blair and stay three days

**Jan. 14**

Return to camp.

**Jan. 15**

Get letter from Mr. A. T. Bayley, paper from Mrs. Fuller

**Jan. 18**

Sunday, go to Camp of W. Mass and see friends.

**Jan. 19**

Co. drill. Get letter from G. Putnam and paper from Mrs. Fowler.

**Jan. 20**

Break camp and march via Stafford Plain to near the Rappahannock and camp in pine woods.

**Jan. 21**

Wet & Rainy. Preparations being made to cross the river. Pontoon train & Batteries have great trouble in getting through the mud.

**Jan. 22**

Wet and muddy

**Jan. 23**

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**Jan. 24**

Get one day's ration and march to old camp ground.

**Jan. 25**

Build chimney and fix tent.

**Jan. 26**

On guard. Unwell.

**Jan. 27**

Unwell.

*[Sideways insertion:] This book was lost and is found again.*

## **DIARY OF HOLLIS TRUE, 1861–1865**

Hollis True Co. E. 17 Maine

Journal 1862

I did enlist in Portland, Maine, July 24<sup>th</sup> 1862.

### **July 27**

Went home to Pownal.

### **July 28**

Went to Lewiston and back to Pownal.

### **July 29**

Returned to Portland and went into Camp at Camp King and drilled without arms until Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> when we drew guns and equipment and clothing.

### **Aug. 18**

We mustered into the United States service.

### **Aug. 21**

Left Portland for the seat of war.

### **Aug. 23**

Arrived in Washington at sunset and marched 2 miles to Fort Wagoner[Wagner] and camped for the night.

### **Aug. 24**

Marched half a mile to Fort Baker and took Command of that Fort and each Company went to a different fort where we remained until Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> when the nineteenth came and relieved us and we moved about one mile to Fort Staunton and joined Co. I. Here we remained until Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and the regiment took up the line of march. We marched to Washington and remained there until four o'clock in the afternoon. We then marched across Long Bridge and Camped for the night.

### **Oct. 8**

Marched to Upton hill.

### **Oct. 11**

Left Upton hill and marched all day and camped in the Woods.

### **Oct. 12**

Marched all day and camped within half a mile of Edwards Ferry.

### **Oct. 13**

Moved past Edwards Ferry about half a mile and camped.



**Oct. 28**

Marched from Edwards and crossed the Potomac river at Whites Ford and camped on the opposite side.

**Oct. 31**

Left Camp near Whites Ford and marched to Camp near Leesburg and Camped for the night.

**Nov. 2**

Left camp and Leesburg and marched to Milvill [Millville] and camped for the night.

**Nov. 4**

Left Milvill and marched to White plains and camped for the night.

**Nov. 5**

Left White plains and marched to within two miles of Waterloo and camped.

**Nov. 8**

Left camp near Waterloo and moved a short distance and camped.

**Nov. 11**

Moved again to Waterloo and camped for the night.

**Nov. 12**

Moved back again and camped for the night.

**Nov. 16**

Marched to Washington and camped for the night.

**Nov. 17**

Left Washington and marched to camp near Catlett's Station and camped for the night.

Here a man was shot for taking straw to lay on.

**Nov. 18**

Marched to Camp Fury and camped for the night.

**Nov. 19**

Marched to marshy[?] hill and camped.

**Nov. 22**

Marched to camp near Falmouth.

**Dec. 10**

The day they commenced Shelling Fredericksburgh we was routed about four o'clock and marched about two miles and halted until about dark and was then moved a few rods into the woods where we remained for the night.

**Dec. 11**

Marched about four o'clock in the afternoon when we marched down the river about three miles and camped in the woods for the night.

**Dec. 12**

Started about four o'clock in the morning and marched about two miles and halted an hour then marched half a mile and halted until half past eleven o'clock, we then crossed the Rappohannah to the field of Battle. This was Saturday and remained until Monday evening at half past nine. We then retreated across the river again and marched about two miles and camped for the night in the woods. Thursday about ten o'clock we marched back to the old Campground and named it Camp Pitcher.

*The end of 1862*

Journal 1863  
January, Camp Pitcher

**Jan. 1**

Weather pleasant. No drill. Dresparade at five.

**Jan. 2**

Weather pleasant. Grand review and dresparade.

**Jan. 3**

Weather pleasant and drill.

**Jan. 4**

Weather pleasant. Dresparade.

**Jan. 5**

Weather pleasant. Grand corps review by Gen. Burnside. Dresparade.

**Jan. 6**

Weather rainy. on guard. Batalion drill went to see Private Frances Herman 1<sup>st</sup> N. Y.  
drummed out of the service.

**Jan. 7**

Weather pleasant. Relieved from guard. No drill and dresparade.

**Jan. 8**

Weather unpleasant. Batalion drill and dresparade.

**Jan. 9**

Weather dull. Batalion drill. Company drill and dresparade.

**Jan. 10**

Weather rainy. Company drill.

**Jan. 11**

Weather dull. Dres parade.

**Jan. 12**

Weather pleasant. Was detailed to cut wood for officers.

**Jan. 13**

Weather pleasant. Batalion drill in forenoon and afternoon and dress parade.  
Received a box from home.

**Jan. 14**

Weather dull. Poleased Streets in forenoon and Brigade drill in the afternoon.

**Jan. 15**

Weather pleasant and windy. Building tents and frying cakes . dresparade.  
Weather pleasant. Batalion drill in fore and afternoon and dresparade.

**Jan. 17**

Weather pleasant and cold. Frying cakes dresparade

**Jan. 18**

Weather clear and cold. Inspection of ground and dress parade.

**Jan. 19**

Weather cold Batalion drill went to see two of the 37 N. Y. drummed out of the service.

**Jan. 20**

Weather pleasant Stuck tents at ten and marched one mile and halted until noon and then marched until five and halted for the night, commenced raining at six and rained during the night.

**Jan. 21**

Weather rainy. Orders come at six to turn out and get breakfast to march at light. At ten the orders came to pitch tents again.

**Jan. 23**

Weather still dull. I was detailed to go back three miles with haversacks for rations. When I returned I found the Regt had gone back to the old Campground so we started. We arrived there about seven at night.

**Jan. 24**

Weather still dull. Received two months pay

**Jan. 25**

Weather still dull. orders to clean guns and equipments. dresparade

**Jan. 26**

Weather cloudy had orders to fix up tents, dresparade

**Jan. 27**

Weather rainy dresparade

**Jan. 28**

Weather cold snow storm I am on guard dresparade

**Jan. 29**

Weather cold and unpleasant there was eight inches of snow fall

**Jan. 30**

Weather pleasant. I was detailed to lug brush to build guard house

**Jan. 31**

Weather pleasant. No duty.

February 1863

**Feb. 1**

Weather pleasant. Regt inspection of every thing.

**Feb. 2**

Weather pleasant. Company inspection and dresparade

**Feb. 3**

Weather cold. Detailed for fatigue

**Feb. 4**

Weather cold. Dresparade. Received box from home.

**Feb. 5**

Weather snow storm

**Feb. 6**

Weather rainy. Orders came at five to pack up for pickett.

**Feb. 7**

Weather pleasant on pickett.

**Feb. 8**

Weather pleasant on pickett.

**Feb. 9**

Weather pleasant. Returned from pickett.

**Feb. 10**

Weather pleasant. Poleeced the streets

**Feb. 11**

Weather rainy. Brigade inspection. See L. C. True from Pownal.

**Feb. 12**

Weather cloudy. Regt inspection. Company drill. dresperade

**Feb. 13**

Weather pleasant. Regt inspection. Company drill and dresperade

**Feb. 14**

Weather pleasant dresperade

**Feb. 15**

Weather rainy dresperade

**Feb. 16**

Weather rainy dresperade

**Feb. 17**

Weather pleasant was detached for fatigue duty dresperade

**Feb. 18**

Weather thick snow storm I am on guard.

**Feb. 19**

Weather rainy on picket

**Feb. 20**

Weather pleasant on picket

**Feb. 21**

Weather pleasant on picket

**Feb. 22**

Weather thick snow storm on picket

**Feb. 23**

Weather pleasant returned from picket

**Feb. 24**

Weather pleasant no duty

**Feb. 25**

Weather pleasant brigade inspection

**Feb. 26**

Weather rainy

**Feb. 27**

Weather pleasant Rgt inspection

**Feb. 28**

Weather cloudy Mustard in for pay at six and started on picket at eight.

March 1863

**Mar. 1**

Weather rainy on picket.

**Mar. 2**

Weather pleasant on picket

**Mar. 3**

Weather cloudy returned from picket

**Mar. 4**

Weather clear and cold Company inspection

**Mar. 5**

Weather pleasant detailed for fatigue

**Mar. 6**

Weather pleasant detailed for fatigue duty

**Mar. 7**

Weather pleasant Company drill

**Mar. 8**

Weather cloudy Inspection of every thing

**Mar. 9**

Weather pleasant company drills dresperade

**Mar. 10**

Weather pleasant company drill.

**Mar. 11**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection

**Mar. 12**

Weather cold Company drill.

**Mar. 13**

Weather pleasant Brigade drill Capt. Sawyer returned from home

**Mar. 14**

Weather pleasant on guard

**Mar. 15**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection went and had some pictures taken

**Mar. 16**

Weather dull. Brigade drill.

**Mar. 17**

Weather pleasant Batalion drill and dresperade

**Mar. 18**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection Company drill and dresparade

**Mar. 19**

Weather pleasant detailed to the wood battalion drill

**Mar. 20**

Weather stormy

**Mar. 21**

Weather stormy

**Mar. 22**

Weather dull. Regt inspection dresperade

**Mar. 23**

Weather pleasant Regimental inspection and target shooting

**Mar. 24**

Weather pleasant Regt inspection dresperade

**Mar. 25**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection

**Mar. 26**

Weather pleasant grand review by Gen. Sickles and Gen. Curtin of Phila. and dresperade

**Mar. 27**

Weather pleasant went on picket the great horse race

**Mar. 28**

Weather rainy on picket

**Mar. 29**

Weather pleasant on picket

**Mar. 30**

Weather pleasant returned from picket

**Mar. 31**

Weather stormy



April 1863

**Apr. 1**

Weather pleasant. Was aroused at one o'clock in the morning by the beat of the drum and had orders to fall into line and wait for further orders. At eight o'clock orders came for further Brigade inspection and dress parade.

**Apr. 2**

Weather pleasant Struck tents at eight o'clock and marched about four miles and camped in the woods near Bell plains and Stockaded new tents. Aron Hodsdon returned from home today

**Apr. 3**

Weather pleasant Stockading tents

**Apr. 4**

Weather windy. Stockading tents. Commenced snowing about eight o'clock in the evening

**Apr. 5**

Weather dull. Continued to snow during the night and cleared off about ten o'clock

**Apr. 6**

Weather pleasant building tents

**Apr. 7**

Weather pleasant building tents

**Apr. 8**

Weather pleasant reviewed by President Lincoln

**Apr. 9**

Weather pleasant on guard Brigade inspection

**Apr. 10**

Weather pleasant on guard went to salute President Lincoln and Family

**Apr. 11**

Weather pleasant See Cosin Philloph Drinkwater

**Apr. 12**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection Private George W Stacy returned that deserted Oct. 14, 1862.

**Apr. 13**

Weather pleasant. Was ordered to pack up and turn over to the quartermaster all Clothing except one

**Apr. 14**

Shift Brigade inspection. Company inspection and Regt inspection commenced raining about ten o'clock. Stacy returned

**Apr. 15**

Weather continues to rain.

**Apr. 16**

Weather dull. Received four months pay

**Apr. 17**

Weather pleasant. Company inspection

**Apr. 18**

Weather pleasant Company inspection went ovr to the First New York to see Gymnastick performances

**Apr. 19**

Weather warm Company inspection meeting at eleven review by Gen Sickles at two dresperade

**Apr. 20**

Weather rainy Company inspection

**Apr. 21**

Weather pleasant Company inspection Company drill and dresperade

**Apr. 22**

Weather pleasant Company drill and Brigade drill and dresperade

**Apr. 23**

Weather rainy our Regt was called upon to guard the first New York Regt as "they" refused to do duty said their time was out

**Apr. 24**

Weather rainy was relieved and went on picket

**Apr. 25**

Weather dull on picket

**Apr. 26**

Weather pleasant on picket

**Apr. 27**

Weather pleasant returned from picket

**Apr. 28**

Weather dull struck tents about four oclock and marched about four miles and camped in woods

**Apr. 29**

Weather rainy packed up and marched about half a mile and halted that night

**Apr. 30**

Weather rainy was musterd for pay, packed up and moved a few rods into the woods and stopped about one hour we then marched about sixteen miles and camped for the night

## May 1863

### **May 1**

Weather pleasant packed up about eight oclock and marched about two miles and crossed the Rappahannah River on pontoon Bridge and marched about one mile and halted about two hours and then marched up in front of the enemys brest work and was ordered to lay down here we lay a short time and the order came for us to undo our blankets and make our sefas comfortable for the night

### **May 2**

Weather pleasant did not move until noon when we was ordered for work. Marched half a mile and formed a line of battle in rear of the sharp shooters and advanced threw the woods capturing several hundred prisoners and driving them about two miles. We was then order to fall back to where we started from. It was then about dark here we lay about one hour -- when we learned the rebels had nearly surrounded us. We was then ordered to charge through the woods that our Division had got out of from the rest of the forces. We had advanced but a short distance when the enemy opened a fire from both sides and in front of us. We fired one voley and then lay down here we remained a few minutes and they opened again and we replied we was then ordered to fall back at the edge of the woods here we lay for the night

### **May 3**

Weather pleasant at sunrise we was ordered into line and the enemy opened on us and we fought hard all day the enemy driving us about half a mile here we held our position at dark I and to others was detailed to go and beef for the Regt we went back about half a mile and found the beef was not killed so one of the men went back in the Regt and to of us lay down by the Cattle and hail [?] three

### **May 4**

Weather pleasant about four oclock we got up and shot our beef we had nothing but one case knife and a broken jack knife to dres our beef with I then went for more help to lug it up we built brest works and lay there all day and during the night

### **May 5**

Weather pleasant lay behind the brest works there was a smart shower in the afternoon

### **May 6**

Weather dull at two oclock we was ordered into line and here we stood until four raining by spells we then retreated acrost the river the same as went back to the Old Camp

### **May 7**

Weather dull cleaned up guns

### **May 8**

Weather dull no duty

**May 9**

Weather pleasant no duty

**May 10**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection and meeting

**May 11**

Weather pleasant Corps review by Gen Sickles received a call from David Noyes

**May 12**

Weather pleasant Company drill

**May 13**

Weather pleasant Co drill went to White Oak Church to the fifth and seventh maine Regt

**May 14**

Weather Showery Company drill and Regt drill dresperade

**May 15**

Weather pleasant was detailed for fatigue duty

**May 16**

Weather pleasant Company inspection

**May 17**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection dresperade and meeting

**May 18**

Weather pleasant the Company was detailed to lug Shade trees for the Co Street Batalion drill and dresperade

**May 19**

Weather pleasant Batalion drill and dresperade

**May 20**

Weather pleasant Company drill and dresperade received a Box from home

**May 21**

Weather pleasant Brigade drill and dresperade

**May 22**

Weather pleasant Lieut, Col. Merrill took the regt to the Patomac Creek to Bathe

**May 23**

Weather pleasant no duty

**May 24**

Weather pleasant went on picket eight miles

**May 25**

Weather dull on picket

**May 26**

Weather cloudy on picket

**May 27**

Weather pleasant returned from picket fell in and marched down to the drilling ground and Gen Sickles made a speech and medals presented to the Company

**May 28**

Weather pleasant Batalion drill and dresperade

**May 29**

Weather pleasant on guard

**May 30**

Weather pleasant dresperade

**May 31**

Weather pleasant dresperade and meeting

June 1863

**Jun. 1**

Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill and dresperade

**Jun. 2**

Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill and dresperade

**Jun. 3**

Weather pleasant Company drill and dresperade received two months pay

**Jun. 4**

Weather pleasant the 87 and 38 N Y regiments went home to day and we went to escot them to the Station

**Jun. 5**

Weather pleasant Company drill in AM and Batalion drill and dresperade

**Jun. 6**

Weather pleasant shower at sunset Company drill Batalion drill I helped dig L. E. Jordan grave

**Jun. 7**

Weather pleasant Division inspection by Gen. Birney dresperade and meeting

**Jun. 8**

Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill AM Batalion drill and dresperade

**Jun. 9**

Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill Batalion drill dresperade

**Jun. 10**

Weather pleasant Company drill Batalion drill Batalion drill and dresperade

**Jun. 11**

Weather pleasant on guard orders came at twelve oclock to pack up and be ready to march at a moments notice at two oclock the guard was dismissed and the bugle sounded for us to start. we marched until half passed ten which was sixteen miles and Camped for the night

**Jun. 12**

Weather pleasant at half past six the bugle sounded attention and we marched to Bealtion Station which was twenty miles and camped

**Jun. 13**

Weather pleasant got tents half done and had orders to pack up and be ready to start at any moment lay waiting all day at eleven oclock at night we was turned out to draw rations

**Jun. 14**

Weather dull was turned out at three oclock and packed up did not march until six at night then marched to catlet Station and camped for the night

**Jun. 15**

Weather hot started at six oclock and marched to Bull Run Bridge and halted an hour for dinner then marched to the Old Bull run Battle Field arrived there at six and stopped until nine oclock when orders came for our Brigade to go on picket we marched about two miles to the picket line and got posted at eleaven

**Jun. 16**

Weather pleasant still on picket

**Jun. 17**

Weather pleasant packed up at three oclock in afternoon and marched about two miles and camped for the night we was then one mile from Sentersville

**Jun. 18**

Weather rainy did not march

**Jun. 19**

Weather hot with showers had orders at noon to strike tents we packed up marched twelve miles to Gum Springs arrived there at ten the evening was dark and rainy see some of the 25 regt

**Jun. 20**

Weather showery struck and pitched tents four times during the day at five we had orders to pack up and go on pickets went but a short distance and pitched tents as reserve picket but about eight oclock the orders came to move out on one of the pickets posts

**Jun. 21**

Weather showery had orders to pack up and be ready to march at eny moment cannon-adeing is herd near Auldee, we drew in the picket line and moved about one mile was relieved from picket at dark and went into camp for the night

**Jun. 22**

Weather pleasant Batalion drill in afternoon

**Jun. 23**

Weather pleasant Brigade drill in afternoon

**Jun. 24**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection by Capt Smith

**Jun. 25**

Weather dull rainy in afternoon and night packed up and marched at six oclock in the morning and marched to Edwards Ferry and halted one hour for dinner and then crossed the Potomac on Pontoon Bridges into M.d. we then marched up the toe path as far as the Monocacy River and camped for the night having marched twenty eight miles in the rain. It was about eleven oclock when we halted I was put on guard for the remainder of the night

**Jun. 26**

Weather rainy marched at six oclock in the morning marched to the Point of Rocks and camped for the night the distance of sixteen miles

**Jun. 27**

Weather rainy broke camp and marched from Point of rocks to Jefferson and halted about one hour for dinner and then marched threw the town the ladys waved their hankerchiefs and the Stars and Stripes was flying on the houses we marched on to Middletown vally and camped for the night

**Jun. 28**

Weather dull broke camp at eight and marched threw Middletown Fairview and Fredericks Citty and camped near Walkersville for the night

**Jun. 29**

Weather dull broke camp at six in the morning and marched threw Walkersville and Ladysburgh and Woodsborough and Jennytown for the night a distance of nineteen miles

**Jun. 30**

Weather rainy broke camp at two oclock PM and marched on the Emmetsburg road as far as St Joseph and camped for the night the distance of eight miles I road in the Ambulance for the first time



July 1863

**Jul. 1**

Weather rainy at eight we had orders to pack up did not march until two o'clock and then marched about one mile and camped for the night by the nunnery near Emmetsburgh

**Jul. 2**

Weather dull had orders at two and a half o'clock AM to turn out and tack up marched at four o'clock passed through Emmetsburgh about nine miles and came to the enemy picket and here the battle commenced we got there at ten and at twelve we was ordered to the front at about four the fire was very heavy we was relieved about six o'clock by the fifth corps and we fell back a short distance and lay down for the night

**Jul. 3**

Weather pleasant at six in the morning we changed our position and drew rations during the forenoon the firing was not very heavy but at two the cannonadeing commenced heavy and at three we was ordered forward on double quick to support a Battery here we remained until about ten o'clock in the evening we was ordered out on picket here we remained during the night  
Weather dull at six o'clock AM we was drawn in and lay quiet until about noon we then changed our position and threw up breast works and remained there during the night it rained hard during the night had sharp lightning

**Jul. 4**

Weather dull at seven this morning we shifted our position into the woods and remained there during the day

**Jul. 5**

Weather dull had orders to march this morning but owing to the being [?] full we did not go

**Jul. 6**

Weather rainy at two o'clock this morning we was turned out and packed up and marched at four passed through Emmetsburgh on to McCanigsville and camped for the night the distance of eighteen miles

**Jul. 7**

Weather rainy Marched at five and half this morning Passed through Frederick City about sun set See the rebel spy that had just been caught and hanged Camped about five miles from the City for the night

**Jul. 8**

Weather pleasant at five this morning we had orders to pack up move at six marched about four miles and halted for rations about two hours and then marched through Middletown and camped about a mile from it We had been into camp about two hours when the bugle sounded Pack up we marched about five miles and camped again at ten o'clock the orders came to turn out and pack

as quick as possible we had got partily packed when the orders came that it was a false alarm so we turned in again

**Jul. 9**

Weather pleasant had orders to pack up about six this morning marched about five miles and halted until four oclock in the afternoon and then marched on the Antietum Battle ground and as we thought for the night but about nine oclock the bugle sounded back up we marched about four miles and camped for the night

**Jul. 10**

Weather pleasant marched at half past four this morning marched about one mile and camped in the woods saw some prisoners at four in the afternoon we we marched about two miles and camped for the line night near the rebel

**Jul. 11**

Weather pleasant moved forward as others force advanced about one mile I was on guard

**Jul. 12**

Weather dull did not advance eny today was relieved from guard

**Jul. 13**

Weather dull about three this afternoon we advanced about two miles in the direction of Williamsport the river and camped for the night had the third Division join our Corps

**Jul. 14**

Weather pleasant with showers in the afternoon at four this morning the bugle sounded pack up and we marched a few minutes after we marched through Fairplay and Sharpsburgh and camped two miles by and a distance of ten miles

**Jul. 15**

Weather pleasant marched at seven this morning marched through Brewersville and Brownsville to M.d. heights and camped for the night the distance of ten miles

**Jul. 16**

Weather rainy did not march untill about six in the afternoon marched two miles to the Potomac and crossed it at Harpers Ferry over into Va. marched through Harpers ferry about one mile and camped for the night

**Jul. 17**

Weather pleasant marched at five this morning marched about ten miles down Gandon valley and camped for the night

**Jul. 18**

Weather pleasant marched at seven this morning marched about six miles and camped for the night

**Jul. 19**

Weather pleasant marched at five and a half this morning marched about fifteen miles and camped for the night at Snickers gap

**Jul. 20**

Weather pleasant did not march

**Jul. 21**

Weather pleasant marched at two in the afternoon passed through Uppersville to Manassas gap arrived there at ten the distance of fifteen miles

**Jul. 22**

Weather pleasant about three oclock this morning we packed up and marched about two miles and halted and from here we found the enemys pickets we advanced about two miles driving them before us at sunset we lay down in a line of Battle and remained there during the night this place is called Warping hights

**Jul. 23**

Weather pleasant at seven oclock this morning are advanced through the hights about one and a half miles and halted untill eleven oclock and finding the enemy on the retreat and our Calvary after them we marched back about ten miles and camped for the night

**Jul. 24**

Weather pleasant marched at ten this morning marched about twelve miles and halted for the night our Regt was sent out on picket there was a shower this evening

**Jul. 25**

Weather pleasant at six this morning we marched and marched about ten miles and came to Warington halted for dinner then marched through the village and camped about two miles beyond

**Jul. 26**

Weather showery did not march drespearde at six

**Jul. 27**

Weather showery did not march but changed position of camp

**Jul. 28**

Weather pleasant did not march

**Jul. 29**

Weather showery Brigade inspection

**Jul. 30**

Weather pleasant Company inspection and at about three oclock the bugle sounded the pack up and we marched about two miles to Sulphur Springs and went into camp for the night

August 1863

**Aug. 1**

Weather pleasant did not march

**Aug. 2**

Weather pleasant did not march Company inspection

**Aug. 3**

Weather pleasant was detailed to buy poles for shade

**Aug. 4**

Weather pleasant with shower in the afternoon on guard

**Aug. 5**

Weather pleasant fell into line and orders read

**Aug. 6**

Weather pleasant went on a picket

**Aug. 7**

Weather pleasant except shower in the afternoon was relieved from picket this morning

**Aug. 8**

Weather pleasant was detailed to lug brush for the Captain

**Aug. 9**

Weather pleasant Camping in Skeetin

**Aug. 10**

Weather pleasant Co drill from seven to half past eight and from five to half past six in the afternoon

**Aug. 11**

Weather pleasant Co drill in fore and afternoon

**Aug. 12**

Weather pleasant Co drill in fore and afternoon

**Aug. 13**

Weather dull there was heavy shower in the night on guard there was a dresperade

**Aug. 14**

Weather pleasant Co drill in fore noon

**Aug. 15**

Weather pleasant went on picket received two moths pay while on picket

**Aug. 16**

Weather pleasant returned from picket Regt inspection

**Aug. 17**

Weather pleasant Co. drill and corpse inspection

**Aug. 18**

Weather pleasant on guard

**Aug. 19**

Weather pleasant on guard regt on picket

**Aug. 20**

Weather pleasant relieved from guard and picket

**Aug. 21**

Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon

**Aug. 22**

Weather pleasant went on picket Division review at 5 oclock PM

**Aug. 23**

Weather pleasant was relieved from picket and went over to the 40 NY to meeting and the Co inspection

**Aug. 24**

Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon David Noyes was here and we went over to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine

**Aug. 25**

Weather pleasant Co drill was detailed for fatigue in afternoon there was a heavy shower in the evening

**Aug. 26**

Weather pleasant on guard

**Aug. 27**

Weather pleasant was relieved from guard Brigade drill in afternoon received a Corporals warrant dateing August first

**Aug. 28**

Weather pleasant drills

**Aug. 29**

Weather dull no drill

**Aug. 30**

Weather pleasant went on picket

**Aug. 31**

Weather pleasant was relieved from picket there was a corps inspection and musterd for pay

September 1863

**Sept. 1**

Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon

**Sept. 2**

Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Division drill in the afternoon

**Sept. 3**

Weather pleasant on guard

**Sept. 4**

Weather pleasant was relieved from guard Brigade drill

**Sept. 5**

Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Batalion drill in afternoon

**Sept. 6**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection

**Sept. 7**

Weather pleasant grand review by Gen Mead at Gen Frenches head quarters

**Sept. 8**

Weather pleasant on picket

**Sept. 9**

Weather pleasant was relieved from picket

**Sept. 10**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection and dresperade went to a Concert in the evening at Division headquarters

**Sept. 11**

Weather pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon

**Sept. 12**

Weather dull went on picket

**Sept. 13**

Weather rainy returned from picket

**Sept. 14**

Weather dull on guard

**Sept. 15**

Weather pleasant was relieved from guard went on Brigade drill and while out on drill the orders came to go in and pack up as soon as possible to march we did so there was a great rush for hard tack we marched at six marched about three miles and camped for the night

**Sept. 16**

Weather pleasant marched at seven and crossed the Rappahannock river and then marched about three miles and halted for dinner and then crossed the steel river and marched within two miles of culpepper and camped for the night had a hard march

**Sept. 17**

Weather foggy had orders to march at six packed up but not march until ten we then marched past Culpeper about two miles and camped stopped an hour or so and then moved a few rods and camped for the night

**Sept. 18**

Weather rainy Co inspection

**Sept. 19**

Weather pleasant fixed up tents

**Sept. 20**

Weather pleasant Brigade inspection and dresperade

**Sept. 21**

Weather pleasant cold received hats and dress coats that we left when we left the Fort

**Sept. 22**

Weather cold on guard

**Sept. 23**

Weather pleasant still on guard there was one hundred and eighty seven Conscrips came for our Regt to day

**Sept. 24**

Weather pleasant the conscrips have been divided into Company we had twelve to our Co. dresperade

**Sept. 25**

Weather pleasant dresperade

**Sept. 26**

Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade I have a bad cold

**Sept. 27**

Weather pleasant Division review and Brigade inspection and dresperade

**Sept. 28**

Weather pleasant Co drill Regt inspection and dresperade

**Sept. 29**

Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade

**Sept. 30**

Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade

October 1863

**Oct. 1**

Weather dull on guard

**Oct. 2**

Weather rainy no duty

**Oct. 3**

Weather dull and dresperade

**Oct. 4**

Weather pleasant Division review by Gen. French and dresperade

**Oct. 5**

Weather pleasant was detailed to help build guard house was at work and about two oclock the bugle sounded to pack up we moved about one mile and camped where the sixth corps left

**Oct. 6**

Weather pleasant on guard the guard was kept up most all night there had been some reb. Calvary seen out side the picket line and expected they would make a rade

**Oct. 7**

Weather dull rained in the evening no duty dresperade

**Oct. 8**

Weather rainy went to see one of the first United States sharpshooters shot for US but when we got there he was drummed out of the service and discharged on dresperade

**Oct. 9**

Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade

**Oct. 10**

Weather dull had orders to pack up and be ready to march at a moments notice broke camp about two oclock PM and marched about two miles and formed a line of battle and stopped for the night

**Oct. 11**

Weather pleasant packed up and started about eight oclock marched about two miles in the direction of the river when we came in sight of rebel fires we was then drawn up in a line of battle and advanced into the woods but we found them to be only a squad of Calvary men and they fled they was surposed to be Garriders and our folks gave chase to them and fired several shot we then marched on again but soon a rebel force came up and began to shell our rear guard all day when there was a chance and several times there was sharp fighting betwixt our Calvary and the rebs but the loss was small at some times they was not more than one fourth of a mile to the rear we crossed the Rappahannock about nine in the evening and camped for the night

**Oct. 12**

Weather pleasant did not march



**Oct. 13**

Weather pleasant about four o'clock in the morning the bugle sounded pack up and we started about five and marched about four miles and halted and was ordered to load our Rifles we then marched on with in one mile of Auburn and halted for dinner we then marched about half a mile when our Co was ordered out as flankers we had hardly got out we had when the reb. Calvary opened fire in front of us we was deployed as skirmishes and advanced there was a sharp skirmish and the rebs left our Regt and the 40 N.Y. was ordered to charge they did so and captured twenty horses and a few men we had seventeen wounded on our side we then marched to Greenwich and camped for the night

**Oct. 14**

Weather pleasant left Greenwich at day break and marched to Briso Station and halted a short time and then marched to Sentersville and camped for the night the second Corpse was in our rear and the Calvary and there rear guard was shelling most all day at Briso Station they made a stand and fought for seven hours when the rebels fell back

**Oct. 15**

Weather pleasant at seven the bugle sounded pack up and we marched past Fairfax Station and camped for the night

**Oct. 16**

Weather rainy no duty

**Oct. 17**

Weather dull Brigade inspection

**Oct. 18**

Weather dull went to see a man from the fifth Mishegan shot for desertion it was a sad sight

**Oct. 19**

Weather pleasant at three this morning the bugle sounded pack up and we marched at four we passed Union mills and marched to Manassas Junction and halted for dinner and then marched to Briso Station and halted for the night

**Oct. 20**

Weather pleasant left Briso Station and forded three rivers the water was up to our thighs and marched to within two miles of Greenwich and halted for dinner and then marched four miles and halted for the night

**Oct. 21**

Weather pleasant marched at seven marched to within one and a half miles of Catlett Station and camped I was put on guard

**Oct. 22**

Weather pleasant on guard during the day and then went on picket at night

**Oct. 23**

Weather pleasant relieved from picket this morning rained in the evening

**Oct. 24**

Weather rainy no duty

**Oct. 25**

Weather dull Regt inspection and dresperade

**Oct. 26**

Weather pleasant no duty

**Oct. 27**

Weather pleasant Co drill and dresperade at ten oclock the bugle sounded pack up so we turned out it was very cold we marched about two miles and formed a line of battle and camped for the night

**Oct. 28**

Weather pleasant did not move

**Oct. 29**

Weather pleasant moved a short distance and camped had orders to stockade tents I was detailed for fatigue

**Oct. 30**

Weather pleasant at four this morning the bugle sounded reveile, and all turned out to get Breakfast at seven we marched to Catlet Station and from there we marched to within two miles of Bealton Station and camped was detailed to go on picket

**Oct. 31**

Weather dull on picket was mustered in for pay

November 1863

**Nov. 1**

Weather pleasant relieved from picket.

**Nov. 2**

Weather pleasant. Co. drill and dresperade.

**Nov. 3**

Weather pleasant. Co. drill and dresparade

**Nov. 4**

Weather pleasant. Co. drill and Batalion drill and dresperade.

**Nov. 5**

Weather pleasant. Batalion drill Brigade drill and dresperade

**Nov. 6**

Weather rainy Batalion drill

**Nov. 7**

Weather pleasant At four the bugle sounded the reverlee and we turned out and packed up and marched at five marched to Celleys Ford and halted but a few minutes when we was ordered forward here we came in contact with the enemy and and draw them back capturing about two hundred prisoners we threw out pickets and camped for the night we was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brig

**Nov. 8**

Weather pleasant we returned to our old Brigade we advanced carefully drawing the enemy as far as Brandy Station and camped for the night

**Nov. 9**

Weather dull Co inspection at six at night we moved about one mile and camped again

**Nov. 10**

Weather pleasant moved a short distance into the woods and had orders to Stockade tents went to work with one little hatchet

**Nov. 11**

Weather pleasant Regt inspection worked on tents

**Nov. 12**

Weather pleasant worked on tents

**Nov. 13**

Weather pleasant worked on tents

**Nov. 14**

Weather pleasant has been pleasant during the day but at dark it commenced in rain

**Nov. 15**

Weather rainy herd heavy cannonadeing at the Rappadon this morn received two months pay

**Nov. 16**

Weather pleasant I am on guard there was a Corps review

**Nov. 17**

Weather pleasant relieved from guard dresperade

**Nov. 18**

Weather pleasant Co Drill Co inspection and dresperade I spraint my foot while on drill

**Nov. 19**

Weather pleasant Lieut Brown has Command of our Co. I am of duty

**Nov. 20**

Weather pleasant of duty

**Nov. 21**

Weather rainy of duty

**Nov. 22**

Weather pleasant still of duty

**Nov. 23**

Weather pleasant still of duty

**Nov. 24**

Weather rainy my foot being better so I am on duty again had orders too pack up and be ready to march at seven oclock but at ten we had orders to unpack and pitch tents

**Nov. 25**

Weather pleasant Co inspection and Co drill

**Nov. 26**

Weather pleasant at seven the bugle sounded the pack up and we marched at eight marched until noon and halted half an hour and eat some hard bread and cold water we then marched untill most dark and halted one hour for supper and then crossed the Rappadon river at Jacksons ford and marched half a mile and camped for the night

**Nov. 27**

Weather pleasant at five we was ordered to pack up and get breakfast marched at half past seven marched short distance and halted one hour we then marched a short distance and Co E and B was taken out for picket while the Division passed stayed there untill three oclock in the afternoon and then went on to overtake the Regt all the while there was fireing going on a short distance ahead we overtook the Regt just as they came to a halt we was ordered to laye down we lay down but a few moments when we was ordered to the front we found it very hot and our loss was was very heavy we fought about two hours when it grew dark we was relieved and fell back a short distance and lay there during the night after throwing out a picket line

**Nov. 28**

Weather rainy at three this morning we was aroused and ordered to pack up and at four we marched out of the woods and halted leaving our picket after stopping about an hour we marched about four miles as quick as possible and then we halted for dinner we then kept moveing on by spells until just before dark when we came to the enemys lines here we threw out pickets and lay down for the night

**Nov. 29**

Weather dull and cold at four this morning we was ordered to pack up and be ready to move at eny time moved a short distance the pickets fired by spells but not much loss and we remained during the night

**Nov. 30**

Weather clear and cold at five we was ordered to be ready to move changed our position to surport a Battery at eight the Battery opened on the enemy but they made but little reply our Battery after fireing about half an hour seast fireing the Skermishes in front opened fire by spells we lay there during the day and night

## December 1863

### **Dec. 1**

Weather clear and cold this morning we was moved a short distance into the woods and lay there during the day we had orders several times during the day to be ready to move at any time at eight oclock this evening we commenced to retreat we marched in the direction of the Rappadon

### **Dec. 2**

Weather cold we marched all night and at day break this morning we reached the Rapidan river and crossed at Culpepper Ford we halted on this side of the river to get breakfast we rested untill eleaven oclock while we was there the rebel Calvary came down on the opperset side of the river we opened a Battery on them and they fell back we moved a short distance and stopped untill two we then marched until half past four and halted for supper we then had orders to halt three hours so we layed down and did not marched untill about twelve we then fell in and marched all the rest of the night

### **Dec. 3**

Weather pleasant at sunrise this morning we reached our old camp deTrobiand after marching most of the night it was very murky at four this afternoon we had an inspection of arms and at half past eight we had just layed down the bugle sounded the pack up and we was turned out and packed up here we remained untill about twelve and then had orders to make ourselves comfortable for the night

### **Dec. 4**

Weather pleasant cleaned our guns at noon the Division was turned out to see a Private of the third Maine shot for desertion had orders at dark to be ready to move camp tomorrow morning

### **Dec. 5**

Weather dull got up and went to tearing down tent to move about half a mile and was lugging over logs to build a new tents when the orders came to march packed up and fell into line here we remained untill morning

### **Dec. 6**

Weather pleasant did not march but pitched shelter tents had Regt inspection at two oclock

### **Dec. 7**

Weather pleasant no duty

### **Dec. 8**

Weather cold fixed tents and built sod chimney

### **Dec. 9**

Weather pleasant on guard

### **Dec. 10**

Weather pleasant Co drill

**Dec. 11**

Weather cold and stormy had orders to fix bunks in or tents

**Dec. 12**

Weather rainy no duty

**Dec. 13**

Weather dull had Regt inspection and dresperade and meeting by our new Chaplain Rev. J. H.

Lovering see D. Noyes 7<sup>th</sup> Maine

**Dec. 14**

Weather dull dresperade

**Dec. 15**

Weather pleasant Co inspection and Co drill and dresperade

**Dec. 16**

Weather pleasant no duty

**Dec. 17**

Weather rainy no duty

**Dec. 18**

Weather rainy Brigade inspection went two miles to lug boards to build tents

**Dec. 19**

Weather pleasant but cold lugged boards to build tent

**Dec. 20**

Weather dull cold Regt inspection

**Dec. 21**

Weather dull was detailed for fatigue

**Dec. 22**

Weather pleasant went into the woods to cut logs to build tent

**Dec. 23**

Weather clear cold on guard

**Dec. 24**

Weather pleasant went into the woods for logs to tent and worked on tent dresperade

**Dec. 25**

Weather pleasant have been building tent meeting at to and dresperade

**Dec. 26**

Weather pleasant have been to work on tent and got it about done was fell into line to make out ordanance report dresperade

**Dec. 27**

Weather rainy all day had orders Co inspection

**Dec. 28**

Weather rainy have been washing most of the day

**Dec. 29**

Weather pleasant have been laying a floor to or tent

**Dec. 30**

Weather pleasant on guard very muddy

**Dec. 31**

Weather rainy was relieved from guard and mustered for pay

*The end of 1863*

End of Diary 1.



Corp. Hollis True, Co. E, 17 Maine

January 1864

**Jan. 1**

Rained all day there was no duty went about one mile for wood have done nothing except some writeing

**Jan. 2**

Pleasant but cold there was no duty I was cleaning my gun in the fore noon since I have been twice for wood

**Jan. 3**

Pleasant we have had a Regt inspection and meeting in the afternoon and Dresperade

**Jan. 4**

Has snowed all day on guard at the house of three women it was a nice place

**Jan. 5**

Pleasant was relieved from guard was detailed to go into the woods for a load of logs to build tent the guard drove us of and we had to go to another place

**Jan. 6**

Dull and cold there was no duty have been writeing the most of the day went for wood

**Jan. 7**

Pleasant but very cold have been dealing out rations to the Co Co inspection and dresperade

**Jan. 8**

Dull in the morning cleared of about noon I am on guard

**Jan. 9**

Pleasant but very cold was relieved from guard went over to the Division Supply train to carry Clothing to David Lovel Dresperade about eight this eve we had orders to march

**Jan. 10**

Pleasant got up and packed our things moved at eight moved about two miles and camped in the woods in the afternoon we moved back and layed over boards we brushed away the snow and pitched our shelter tents

**Jan. 11**

Pleasant went back to the old camp for boards we made a sled of barrel staves and halled them over in the after noon we was cutting and splitting logs for tent

**Jan. 12**

Pleasant have been getting out logs to build any tent with and have begun to build it

**Jan. 13**

Pleasant have been building tent got the top on and moved into it is quite comfortable

**Jan. 14**

Pleasant have been to work on the tent and building a chimney of stone and mud have got a good fireplace in it

**Jan. 15**

Pleasant have been washing and sewing received a Box from home found every thing in good order

**Jan. 16**

Pleasant have been cleaning my gun and to work on fatigue Balancing the ground in the streets and writeing

**Jan. 17**

Pleasant all day Brigade inspection and meeting

**Jan. 18**

Pleasant all day there was no duty I have been doing a little of everything

**Jan. 19**

Rainey the most of the day but cleared up at night had orders to be ready with every thing and one days rations to go on guard at the Brigade teams

**Jan. 20**

Pleasant was relieved from guard this morning there was a Regt inspection by Major Mattox of gun and equipments. dresperade

**Jan. 21**

Pleasant have been on fatigue piling up and burning brush all day dresperade

**Jan. 22**

Pleasant and warm I have been helping split out logs to build a Chapel for the Regt.

**Jan. 23**

Pleasant and very warm I have been splitting out logs to build a Chapel

**Jan. 24**

Pleasant and warm Review by Gen Birney and inspection by Col G. W. West

**Jan. 25**

Pleasant and very warm I have been to work on the Chapel we hav got it about half done it is thirty feet by eighteen

**Jan. 26**

Pleasant and warm I have been to work on the Chapel to day C. G. H. and I am all alone to night the rest have gone on picket

**Jan. 27**

Pleasant have been to work on the Chapel we have been building the wals there was a dresperade I received two Boxes from home and one from Gardiner

**Jan. 28**

Pleasant have been to work on the Chapel building chimney and seats

**Jan. 29**

Pleasant I have been to work on the Chapel have got it most done are weighting for the Filge [?] to come to cover it with

**Jan. 30**

Dull and some rain I am on Brigade guard at Brigade head quarters

**Jan. 31**

Pleasant came of Brigade guard this morning there was an inspection this fore noon meeting in afternoon and evening dresperade

## February 1864

### **Feb. 1**

Dull with some rain there was no duty had orders to get lessons in Caseys tactics to recite twice a week had a dresperade

### **Feb. 2**

Dull and some rain I have been washing and cleaning my gun there was a Co drill this forenoon there is a very heavy thunder shower this evening

### **Feb. 3**

Pleasant but windy had a Co drill and then went to lugging logs to Corduruy the streets with and a dresperade to night

### **Feb. 4**

Pleasant there was a Co drill in the forenoon and a batalion drill in the afternoon drilled skirmish drill most of the time

### **Feb. 5**

Pleasant had a Co drill and Batalion drill I drew a new gun and equipments to day we had a Corps school this evening

### **Feb. 6**

Rainy had reverlee at four and had orders to be ready to to move at seven kept in readiness untill four in the afternoon and then marched about four miles past Culpeper and halted in the woods it was very muddy

### **Feb. 7**

Rainey at a part of the night we marched at day break and then marched about two miles and halted we kept moveing by spells untill about four in the afternoon and then started back for the old camp which we reached about ten I received a Box from home

### **Feb. 8**

Pleasant at reverlee this morning we was ordered to go on picket so we packed up and started for picket it was very muddy we got out on the picket line about one oclock

### **Feb. 9**

Pleasant we are still on picket the officer of the picket has past been here and gone away every thing is goin on wright

### **Feb. 10**

Pleasant but a cold wind I am still on picket

### **Feb. 11**

Pleasant with a cold wind we was relieved from picket the forenoon at eleaven and got into camp at two Capt. Alfred Merrill has been here to see me but I had not got in from picket

### **Feb. 12**

Pleasant but the most of the day I went over to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine Regt to see Capt Merrill have sent my watch home to be cleaned there was a battalion drill and dresperade

**Feb. 13**

Pleasant I am on Regt guard to day there is nothing new goin on today

**Feb. 14**

Pleasant but very windy we was not relieved from guard untill after inspection which was noon since then I have been writeing Somes letters

**Feb. 15**

Snow Storm. Had orders to pack up and be ready to move at a moments notice but did not go we was goin to supper at the picket line

**Feb. 16**

Stormy and very windy we had Brigade inspection by Capt. Houghton we had a Corps school tonight

**Feb. 17**

Pleasant but very cold and windy and had Brigade inspection by Capt. Houghton

**Feb. 18**

Pleasant but awful cold. There was a Reg't inspection by Major Matocks Co. drill Sined the pay rolls and after taps and we had turned in we was turned out to get two months pay

**Feb. 19**

Pleasant but not quite so cold. Company inspection and co. drill. While on drill I was detached to go on fatigue to cut wood at brigade head quarters

**Feb. 20**

Pleasant and warm went out on picket. The picket has been changed and you don't have so far to go as before

**Feb. 21**

Pleasant and warm I am Still on picket but up half the night

**Feb. 22**

Pleasant and warm I am Still on picket everything goes pleasant sat up until five oclock in the morning.

**Feb. 23**

Pleasant and warm We was relieved about elevaen this forenoon and returned when we got here we found three up the Bays that was wounded have been to meeting

**Feb. 24**

Pleasant and warm Had a Com. Drill this forenoon and a Division review this afternoon by Gen. French the Whiskey distilers

**Feb. 25**

Pleasant but windy Co. drill in forenoon and Batalion drill in afternoon there was a part of our band come to day

**Feb. 26**

Pleasant but very windy Co. inspection and Co. drill in forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon and dresperade at night

**Feb. 27**

Pleasant Co. inspection in the morning. There was no duty. I have been washing and cleaning up a part of the six Corps has gone out past here had orders to be ready to march at six in the morning

**Feb. 28**

Pleasant marched at seven to go on a Reconnaissance went through culpepen and on to Little James Citty a distance up about fifteen miles and halted for the night we was sent out on picket soon after we stopped and mustered for pay

**Feb. 29**

Pleasant in the forenoon but dull in the afternoon we was relieved from picket about eleaven did not march today the Boys destroyed everything they could get lod up'

## March 1864

### **Mar. 1**

Beached all night and all day did not march the Boys tore down the building and get the board to build tents of had orders at eight in the evening to be ready to march at six in morning

### **Mar. 2**

Pleasant it froze last night quite hard and snowed a little we started for the old camp at seven this morning after it thawed it was very muddy we got into camp at two o'clock

### **Mar. 3**

Pleasant and warm I am on guard at the Reg't Mr. Bysil Pearl gave a lecture at our Chapel this evening

### **Mar. 4**

Pleasant was relieved from guard this morning have been over to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine to see Capt. Alfred Merrill found him well has been home on furlow he brought my boots and wool Cp with him

### **Mar. 5**

Pleasant there was no duty but to clean up for inspection dresperade at night there were seven eny thing but Ladys and some officers Band has been practicing

### **Mar. 6**

Pleasant but chilly there was a Brigade inspection by Col. Eagan and a meeting at twelve o'clock an inspection of quarters by Col. West and dresperade

### **Mar. 7**

Pleasant and warm Co. inspection and Co E drill and dresperade at night

### **Mar. 8**

Rained all day there was no duty except dresperade I am about – Sick with a cold was detailed to go to the Brigade team this evening about eight

### **Mar. 9**

Pleasant and warm and back from Brigade teams at eight this morning have been washing and cleaning gun have been to meeting

### **Mar. 10**

Rained hard all day no duty have been writing have burned up my last years diary have got a bad cold.

### **Mar. 11**

Rained all day and there was some thunder in the afternoon had no duty been cleaning gun and have a bad cold

### **Mar. 12**

Pleasant and warm I am on Regt guard and turned out about one oclock to go and arrest a man that was drunk

**Mar. 13**

Pleasant but vehry windy there was a Division review by Gen. Birney and we was not relieved from guard until they got back dresperade at night

**Mar. 14**

Pleasant but windy there was a Division drill in the afternoon have been to work on puzzles Lieut Fred Sawyer left for home on a furlow of 15 day

**Mar. 15**

Cloudy and some snow Co drill in forenoon and dresperade at night have been to work on puzzles and S

**Mar. 16**

Pleasant but cold and windy Corps review by Gen. French was gone most all day Regt inspection in the evening

**Mar. 17**

Pleasant Co drill in forenoon and Co inspection and dresperade got ready for Brigade inspection but did not have it the Sergeant has been command to day

**Mar. 18**

Pleasant but very windy Co drill and Brigade drill in afternoon Col Pierce takes command of the Brigade

**Mar. 19**

Pleasant but windy Brigade inspection in the forenoon by Capt. Houghton and dresperade received six recruit for the reg't

**Mar. 20**

Pleasant and windy Brigade inspection Col. Pierce over in the division review ground dresperade at night and meeting in the evening

**Mar. 21**

Pleasant Co inspection and Co drill in forenoon and Co drill in afternoon and dresperade at night hope done lamp was first

**Mar. 22**

Dull in the morning and commenced to snow about four oclock and snowed all the evening I was on guard the wind blew hard all day

**Mar. 23**

Pleasant and warm was relieved from guard this morning it Snowed the most part of the night about eight inches of snow fell the rest of the day we have been Synorbeling

**Mar. 24**



Pleasant the most part of the day Started to go on picket at half past seven Lieut Grapham and Moirel was on post with my

**Mar. 25**

Cloudy and spit snow by spells until about four oclock in the afternoon and then turned to rain and rained hard most all evening still at picket

**Mar. 26**

Cloudy and unpleasant rained blew quite hard sprinkled by spells during the day I am still on picket we have been put into the second Corps and are now second Brigade

**Mar. 27**

Pleasant and windy got relieved from picket about ten oclock started for camp into camp about noon after resting I cleaned up my equipment

**Mar. 28**

Cloudy the most of the day Co. E inspection and Co drill forenoon and Brigade drill in afternoon by Gen. Bierney

**Mar. 29**

Dull in the morning and commenced raining about two oclock started to go on Corpse review but it commenced to rain and we came back cleaned up gun and other things.

**Mar. 30**

Dull there was no duty to day have been serving some and playing checkers dresperade at night had order that was Second Brigade and 3<sup>rd</sup> Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps

**Mar. 31**

Pleasant had orders this morning to be ready to move with everything at eight oclock moved about two miles to where the third Division had just moved out we took the 110<sup>th</sup> Ohio camp found very favor tents had to go on fatigue as soon as we got there

April 1864

**Apr. 1**

Pleasant I am here alone have been writing the rest of the tents cranys are on fatigue It commenced to rain soon after noon and during the afternoon and evening

**Apr. 2**

Rained all day it was a cold storm mixed with snow by spells there was no duty Played checkers and other things for amusement

**Apr. 3**

Pleasant but cold and windy had orders for a Brigade inspection but had a Reg't inspection by Col. West

**Apr. 4**

Rained in the fore noon and turned to Snow in the afternoon there was a company drill in the forenoon the remainder of the day was writing and other things

**Apr. 5**

Rainy all day hard I was on Left guard ...mostly rain

**Apr. 6**

Rained in the morning but cleared of about noon. I was relieved from guard this morning and have been cleaning up gun and equipment and

**Apr. 7**

Pleasant and warm have been on fatigue this forenoon and this afternoon I have been doing various things I received a box from home last night.

**Apr. 8**

Pleasant Co. drill in the forenoon and afternoon and dresperade took up one dollars worth of tickets of the sutler had an order to send all boots to the rear

**Apr. 9**

Rained hard all day we had orders in the morning for a grand review but it rained so we did not have it I have been sewing and doing other things our tent leaks very bad

**Apr. 10**

Rained all day I was on guard at Regt head quarters there was an inspection

**Apr. 11**

Pleasant but chilley I was relived from guard this morning have been fixing the pockets on a pair of pants and sewing in some lace there was a dresperade to night

**Apr. 12**

Pleasant Co. drill in the forenoon and a Brigade dresperade at night by Gen Huges had orders for each man to have shoes

**Apr. 13**

Pleasant had a Division review in the forenoon by Gen Hancock of the second corps Gen Mead was also there Brigade dresperade by Gen Hancock

**Apr. 14**

Cloudy had a Brigade inspection in the fore noon by the Brigade inspector Co. drill in the after noon there was a Brigade dresperade

**Apr. 15**

Pleasant in the morning but commenced to rain in the afternoon and rained all night I went on picket out by Stevensburgh about four miles got out there about twelve and got two months pay the Leieut got mine for me

**Apr. 16**

Rainey all day came back to the reserve at midnight and went out on post again at twelve to day went on post and stayed untill midnight and then came back to the support

**Apr. 17**

Rainey the most of the day remained on the support until today noon and then came back to the reserve and stayed there this afternoon and night

**Apr. 18**

Pleasant and warm at two oclock this morning and was called up to the set up two hours we was relieved about one oclock and returned to camp had a nasty time of it

**Apr. 19**

Pleasant there was a Division review in the fore noon and Co. drill in the afternoon and Brigade dresperade at night

**Apr. 20**

Pleasant there was a company drill in the fore noon and Batalion drill in the manual of arms in the afternoon and Brigade dresperade at night

**Apr. 21**

Pleasant Co. drill in the forenoon and inspection and Brigade drill by Col. Pierce and Brigade dresperade at night the most of the Division was practicing at target shooting this fore noon have been washing

**Apr. 22**

Pleasant went on a Corps review by Gen Hancock and Gen Grant and Gen Mead in the fore noon Regt dresperade at night our Co. received one recruit J. Peterson

**Apr. 23**

Pleasant there was a Co. inspection and Target practis of five rounds each I made the best shot in the Co. Brigade dresperade

**Apr. 24**

Pleasant during the day but rained some in the evening there was a Brigade review by the Col. of Regt – N.Y. and inspection by Col. West and dresperade at night went to meeting in the afternoon had orders for change Comp turnover

**Apr. 25**

Dull in the morning but cleared up in the fore noon this was Co. drill in the fore noon and Batalion drill in the afternoon soon after came in from drill and detailed to go guard went to Brigade to guard for night

**Apr. 26**

Pleasant had orders to move at eight oclock moved into Sheltor tent about one and a half from camp went back for .... I have got a lame foot I broke the crystal out of my watch

**Apr. 27**

Pleasant went over to the old camp ground to get some things this afternoon had a Regt inspection and dresperade at night the whole Regt had their picture taken have been filling up tent

**Apr. 28**

Pleasant but the wind blew hard I went over to the old camp ground for I have felt lonesome and demoralized for the last to days dresperade at night and year ago today we started for Chancellorsville

**Apr. 29**

Pleasant but cold this morning Co. inspection and Co. drill in the fore noon Division drill in the afternoon

**Apr. 30**

Cloudy the most of the day had a Regt inspection and was musterd for pay. See the fifth Corp moving in the direction of Culpeper have been hitching posts apart of the day dresperade at night

## May 1864

### **May 1**

Pleasant had a Brigade review and inspection in the forenoon and in the afternoon went over to Division H to get a cristal put in my watch had a dresperade at night See tour of the 1<sup>st</sup> cavalry

### **May 2**

Cloudy all day and frost at night the wind blew a heracain and there was a short thunder shower Co. drill and inspection in the afternoon the Regt went to have their picture taken

### **May 3**

Pleasant Co. inspection and drill afternoon Brigade inspection and had our pictures taken drew rations and ammuniton and packed up ready to move had every indication of moveing before morning

### **May 4**

Pleasant crossed the Rappadon at half past ten and arrived at Chancelorvill where we fought just one year ago and camped for the night sent out pickets

### **May 5**

Pleasant and hot started at half past five and marched to Tods Tavern and stopped for dinner started and marched back to the wilderness got there at four and fought until dark 10 killed 10 wounded

### **May 6**

Pleasant advanced at four oclock drove the enemy about one and a half miles and then they drove us back again it was hard fighting all day our loss was very heavy

### **May 7**

Pleasant went out in front to reconnaissence and found I marsched Batteryys and retreated back to Brest-works again at night we started to retreat as we thought went down the planke road two miles and back again to brest-works lay the night.

### **May 8**

Pleasant went onto the front to reconnaissence and found a marsked Batteryys and retreated back to brest -worke again at night we started to retreat as we thought went down the planke road two miles and back again to brest-worke lay the night

### **May 9**

Pleasant and very hot started in the morning and followed the rebs to Todds Tavern there was some fighting in the afternoon built brest-works and lay behind there all night

### **May 10**

Pleasant and hot started and marched to the Block house and crossed the Ny river and camped for the night had been there about twenty minutes when the Regt had orders to go on picket went out close to the rebs and did not know it

#### **May 11**

Pleasant and hot this morning we was deployed as Skernishgers and advanced down to the mill it was to hot as they opened both Batery and infantry and we had to fall back and then we fell back acrost the river

#### **May 12**

It rained apart of the day the river proved to the pole river we was ordered into the front line of brest works and stopped most all day had just layed down for the night when we had orders to pack up and we marched all night

#### **May 13**

Rained most all day assisted at Leauel hill at four this morning our Division and the first Division was ordered to charge on the enemy brest-work took to works and two Division and some artillery and cholors I carried the state cholor fought hard all day

#### **May 14**

Rained part of the day I gave up the cholor and took my gun again acted as orders Sergt of the company the enemy fell back some moved forward into brest works and lay there during the day and night

#### **May 15**

Moved at three in the morning moved several time during the day things have been very quiet and no fighting we are in the woods

#### **May 16**

It has rained part of the day there has been some fighting to day but we still remain in the woods during the day and a part of the night

#### **May 17**

Pleasant was turned out at three in the morning and moved out in the front line of the brest works there was not much firing except the pickets still behind the brest works

#### **May 18**

Rainey was turned out at half past three in the morning and was relieved we moved to the extream right and built brest works there was heavy commadering and sharp infantry fighting at eight we moved back at 3 ½ we moved out to army head quarters and got breakfast

#### **May 19**

The rebs are supposed to of fell back at about P.M. we herd commandeering we was ordered to pack up and leave our tents standing we was doubled quicked about four miles found the rebs

trying to capture our wagon train after a short fight of about two hours they fell back we try rifle first with plate and bayonet

**May 20**

Pleasant about three this morning we advanced about one mile and took 300 prisoners and the rebs left and we went back to where we left our tents stopped about one hour and picked up marched about two miles into the woods

**May 21**

Hot marched past gai --- station and boughling green to a small river the North army and camped for the night the second night that we have rested all night since we left camp

**May 22**

Hot at 3 ½ this morning we was ordered to pack up and lay more arms until day light about seven we marched about one mile and built strong brest works lag behind them during the night

**May 23**

Hot marched at seven and about noon we began to hurry we came to the North army here we found the enemy in force we was ordered to the front to charge on the enemy we drove them back to their works we built brest works most all night

**May 24**

At about four this morning the rebs began to shell us we lay behind our works until about noon was ordered across the river built brest works under a very heavy shelling and a heavy shower of rain lay there during the night

**May 25**

Hot shower in the afternoon lay behind the brest works until most night then moved to the right in another line of works and remained there during the night

**May 26**

Hot with showers lay behind the brest works saw several of the 3 Maine boys was all out of ration and most starved during all this time the pickets have kept firing about ten we crossed the river

**May 27**

Hot about one into the night we left the front and crossed the river burnt the bridge marched about one mile for the teams to pass until about noon then marched until after dark then got supper and marched until one oclock in the night and went into camp

**May 28**

About eight we started was still rear guard marched slow until eleven then halted one hour for dinner marched on just before dark we crossed the Termunkey river marched about to miles and camped for the night

**May 29**

Pleasant lay until about noon then marched past Salem church about one mile and built breast works

**May 30**

Pleasant got up at day light finished the breast works lay behind there all day had no rations until night there was heavy fighting on the left had orders several times in the evening to pack up but did not march

**May 31**

Pleasant & hot advanced a little to a time until got to this breast works and support came up we halted the Infantry was not very heavy but the Artillery was by shells



## June 1864

### **Jun. 1**

Pleasant was turned out about one this morning marched about half a mile and went in some breast-works, sent out Pickett they kept shooting the artillery ... by shells was transferred to ... first Brigade.

### **Jun. 2**

Hot and very dusty shower in the afternoon. Marched from the right to cold harbor within three miles of Chickahominy river and camped in the woods there was not much fighting during the day

### **Jun. 3**

Pleasant moved out to front but was not engaged. But was shelled at we moved about two miles to the right and went into rifle pits just as dark the rebs made a charge but was repulsed.

### **Jun. 4**

Pleasant with Shower in the afternoon day hiking breast work untill five then moved to the left there was heavy shooting about dark

### **Jun. 5**

Dull. Lay behind the breast works the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine was consolidated with our Regt 130 men 13 in our Co. at four we moved 10 miles too the right worked most all night built breast works.

### **Jun. 6**

Hot finished the works and lay behind them all day I got some potatoes out of a cellar. At dark I was detailed to go on picket. About midnight we found the picket line and made a bargain with the Johnneys not to shoot they came over to our lines

### **Jun. 7**

Cloudy still on pickett Johns was very sociable I had one man desert and go over to the rebs he was from my regt I was very quiet during the day

### **Jun. 8**

Pleasant and hot. Every thing quiet on the picket line about sunset the rebs opened with artillery the shell came very near but no one hurt about eight in the evening we was relieved and came into camp

### **Jun. 9**

Hot after breakfast I and George Doughty went and had a good bathe and washed some clothes came back and wrote five letters drew clothings still continued to build breast works remained here during the night

### **Jun. 10**

Pleasant and hot things have been very quiet during the day. I am very well

### **Jun. 11**

Pleasant but not so hot had orders to clean up for inspection by Capt John Brig things are very quiet I helped the Lieut make out the rest of the men in the Co lay there during the night

**Jun. 12**

Pleasant things have been very quiet during the day about eight we had orders to pack up as quiet as possible and move without making any noises marched about two miles and then halted until about midnight and then went on

**Jun. 13**

Pleasant marched in the direction of Harrisons Landing crossed long bridge about noon marched very hard in the afternoon march about 15 miles after dark and halted very tired and sore and most starved

**Jun. 14**

Pleasant early this morning we moved into a line of battle and built breast works had not got them finished when we had orders to move went about one mile to the James river and crossed on transports to the Wilcocks Point went about two miles and camped for the night got some cherries

**Jun. 14**

Pleasant I am on guard about noon we had orders to march and join Gen Butler force got there about midnight and lay down until morning this was about three miles from Petersburg

**Jun. 15**

Pleasant they began to shell us about seven and about nine we charged on a fort I was struck with a minie ball and had my thigh broken was carried to the hospital there was several thousands wounded there.

**Jun. 16**

Pleasant my leg does not pain me very bad though it is swollen very bad I still lay on a stretcher near the amputating table. Nothing has been done for my leg yet I have been moved over under the fence the wounded is brought in at the rate of 200 per hour

**Jun. 17**

Pleasant and very hot still under the fence not much to eat the wounded are being brought in very fast. I have asked several doctors to...do something for my leg to give me something and let me splint it but got nothing

**Jun. 18**

Pleasant but very hot they are sending some of the wounded to City-Point had my leg put in a bark to go but the ambulances go full and went off and left me in the afternoon there was a train of army wagons going down so I got in one of them and went it was about six miles and part of the way good road it hurt my leg pretty bad we was put into tents

**Jun. 19**

Pleasant but hot my leg is swollen very bad though not very painful. The Dr dont know nothing and better than a sheep but we had some good nurses Charley Elliot and T.H. Fairbanks and one other. The flies came near eating of us...

**Jun. 20**

Pleasant and hot my leg has been very painful to day have my leg washed and dressed the bark was taken of and dried and put on again have lived pretty well today

**Jun. 21**

Pleasant and hot still at city point they have been sending some of the wounded to Washington and other places and my leg does not pain me very bad today

**Jun. 22**

Pleasant and very hot and dusty there was a young Dr came in and looked at me asked me where I was wounded I told him he said he would try and get a splint and fix up my leg and that was the last of him

**Jun. 23**

Pleasant and hot as usual very dry and dusty my leg has not been painful though it is swollen very bad have wrote one letter

**Jun. 24**

Pleasant but very hot I have not had any thing done for my leg yet and begin to think they aint goin to do any thing for it I see several of the boys from my Regt have lost very heavy

**Jun. 25**

Pleasant and hot Still at Citty Point Had one of the nurses in my ward was detailed to bring some of those that could not walk down to the boat to be sent away and I got him to take me it rained when we was goin down left about six on night

**Jun. 26**

Pleasant came down as far as Charles Citty crossroads last evening and stopped until this morning and then started again at night it came in so dark did not dare to run so we anthared [anchored] for the night

**Jun. 27**

Pleasant arrived at Washington about noon was taken from the boat and put in an ambulance and carried to Campbell Hospital had my leg dressed with the old bark splint taken of and a were put on

**Jun. 28**

Pleasant had my leg dressed and it is doing well does not pain very bad Dr. True came in to see me in the afternoon and glad to see him

**Jun. 29**

Pleasant was mustered for two months this morning about eleven o'clock who should come in but Dr. True and My Mother was very much surprised to see her

July 1864

**Jul. 1**

Pleasant. my leg is comfortable the Sanatory Commission comes in quite often and brings stuff to make me comfortable Mother comes in every day to see me

**Jul. 2**

Pleasant got Dr. True to have me transferred into his Ward No. 6 my leg is getting along pretty well the Dr. True has been to work on my leg. He has probed the wound and put on a new splint and

**Jul. 3**

Pleasant the Dr. had another spell to work on says there is proud flesh in the wound that must come out the folks send me something down from the house almost every day

**Jul. 4**

Pleasant everything is very quiet around the hospital. The Ladys brought us in some fourth there was fireworks in the evening Mother was in here most all day

**Jul. 5**

Pleasant my leg does not pain me much there were several Ladys from Maine through the hospital to day and many other Ladys appetite is very good I looked for a letter but in vain

**Jul. 6**

Pleasant and warm Mother is still here my leg is comfortable the Dr dug in and burnt it with caustic ones rot run Cathy brought me something nice from the hose.

**Jul. 7**

Pleasant and hot very comfortable Mother and Susan in every day the Dr. still continues to work on my leg.

**Jul. 8**

Pleasant and warm my leg is getting along quite comfortably It has commenced to discharge some

**Jul. 9**

Pleasant and warm Mrs. Sampson pulled through the hospital she left me a box of dates they were nice Mrs. True and came in and spent the afternoon had to [two] die in this ward

**Jul. 10**

Pleasant and very hot there has been an inspection to day I signed the pay Roll had one man Die in the ward

**Jul. 11**

Pleasant and hot received two Months pay \$36 the rebs are said to be advancing on Washington. The fire said to be within three miles of the Citty there is great excitement here

**Jul. 12**

Pleasant there has been a great many brought in that was sun Stroked there were sharp skirmishing last night and to day there is some fose Come from Petersburg here had one man die.

**Jul. 13**

Pleasant with a shower in the afternoon I think the rebs have stopped as long as they want to and left my leg is comfortable

**Jul. 14**

Pleasant there is nothing unusual goin on to day there is a few prisoners and wounded almost every day my leg is getting a long comfortable Mother is still here

**Jul. 15**

Pleasant there is nothing unusual to day Mother and the Dr and Wife went down to see the Capital and and Citty

**Jul. 16**

Pleasant and hot my leg was pained me and a considerable to day they expect to transfer some of the Maine soldiers to Maine this week

**Jul. 17**

Pleasant there was an inspection of Hospital this morning. The Dr. bored out my leg again this morning with his finger and it discharged a considerable of corrupt matter more than usual

**Jul. 18**

Pleasant and hot there is nothing new to day Mother is still here

**Jul. 19**

Pleasant and hot – there is nothing new goin on to day my leg is getting along comfortable

**Jul. 20**

Pleasant and warm Mother Started for home this morning it seams quite lonesome since she left

**Jul. 21**

Pleasant but very cold for the time of year there is nothing new my leg has pained me some to day

**Jul. 22**

Pleasant but cold I thought I should freeze this forenoon my leg has pained me considerable to day

**Jul. 23**

Pleasant but cool Mrs. True was in this afternoon and spent a couple of hours I wrote two letters but up more than I have for some time I think my leg is not quite so well as it has been

**Jul. 24**

Pleasant but cool think my leg is not quite so well Dr thought he should have to open it in another place tonight he did not

**Jul. 25**

Pleasant and warm the Dr dressed my leg this morning and opened it in another place my leg was pretty painful during the day

**Jul. 26**

Pleasant there is nothing new my leg is pretty painful

**Jul. 27**

Pleasant and warm have not felt very well for the last week had no appetite feel better to day leg has pained me pretty bad to day

**Jul. 28**

Pleasant and warm I feel better have wrote three letters don't think my leg is improveing any for the past few days

**Jul. 29**

Pleasant and warm there is nothing unusual goin on to day my leg gains slow not much to day

**Jul. 30**

Pleasant and very warm I eat some pears and apples the first I have that year my leg is very sore

**Jul. 31**

Pleasant and warm this morning I had a peace of a watermellon It was nice.

August 1864

**Aug. 1**

Pleasant and warm Mrs. Carr was here and stopped an hour or more my leg is getting along slowly

**Aug. 2**

Pleasant and warm nothing new to day leg pains me Some had a shower just at Sunset

**Aug. 3**

Pleasant and warm sent down town and got some apples and pears my leg has pained me the most part of the day

**Aug. 4**

Pleasant but cool in the forenoon there is nothing new to day leg does not pain me much

**Aug. 5**

Pleasant but very warm don't think my leg gains eny for the past few days

**Aug. 6**

Pleasant and cool there was a splendid shower early this morning it cooled the air nicely

**Aug. 7**

Pleasant and warm there was an inspection of the hospital

**Aug. 8**

Pleasant and verry warm there is nothing new to day as I thought of

**Aug. 9**

Pleasant and very warm my leg has pained considerable to day

**Aug. 10**

Pleasant and warm I have not been quite so well to day as usual

**Aug. 11**

Pleasant and verry warm the Dr gave my leg a pretty thuroe examin this morning it discharged a good deal.

**Aug. 12**

Pleasant and very warm

**Aug. 13**

Pleasant and very warm there was a considerable of thunder and lightning this evening but not rain enough to lay the dust

**Aug. 14**

Pleasant and very warm they Dr. took the splint of from my leg this morning and I had it washed



*Subsequent days in the diary are left blank, aside from the following four entries*

**Sept. 12**

Pleasant but the weather has been very cold for the time of year my nurse took a piece of bone out of my leg this morning my leg is doing well

**Sept. 27**

Pleasant and warm got up into some chairs to have my bed made the first time for most three months

**Dec. 5**

My leg has stopped dischargeing has discharged five months and a half

**Dec. 10**

The first snow storm in Washington there was about four inches fell

